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In re Application of:

Michiaki Otani

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For: VOICE GENERATOR, METHOD FOR
GENERATING VOICE, AND NAVIGATION
APPARATUS

Examiner: Not Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: Not Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The reference now cited is the following:

No.	Date	Name	Country
US 5,774,854	June 30, 1998	Sharman	USA
US 6,385,586 B1	May 7, 2002	Dietz	USA


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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,


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